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ANOTHER PIONEER GOES TO REWARD

F. T. LUCE DIES IN IOWA WHILE
VISITING WITH HIS
TWIN BROTHER

Another one of Groton's pioneers, F. T. Luce, passed away last week while visiting with his twin brother, Lafayette I. Luce, at Waucoma, Iowa. His death occurred Friday.

Mr. Luce had not been in the best of health for some time, and after an examination at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, the ailment was diagnosed as cancer, and he was ordered to take a complete rest. He went to Iowa, and for a short time it was thought that his condition showed improvement, but the affliction reached a vital spot and his demise occurred shortly thereafter.

Mr. Luce was one of the earliest settlers of this territory, and the last of two who still farmed the land they proved up in East Riverside. The other is August Falk. Together with his brother, J. C. Luce, the deceased came to South Dakota and proved up on land in the above mentioned township, which remained in his possession until the time of his death. He was born at Eden, Iowa, and came to South Dakota when a young man, being 72 years of age at the time of his death.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Annie E. Shoup and to this union were born three children—Goldie, now Mrs. Carl McCurdy, of Ludlow, S. D.; Verna Luce, of Putney, and Hazel, Mrs. J. H. Stenseth who have lived on the home place for the past four years.

His wife died about twenty years ago and in September, 1919, he was married to Mrs. Emily Dodd, of Waucoma, who died two years later.

Mr. Luce leaves to mourn his loss, his three children and two brothers, F. I. Luce, of Waucoma, Iowa, and E. E. Luce, of Mountain View, Cal.

A short funeral service was held at the home of his brother in Waucoma and the body brought to Groton for burial. The funeral was held from the Methodist church Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Norris, and the remains laid to rest in Groton cemetery by H. Paetznick.

The deceased was an exceptionally splendid man, with a vigorous physique and strong personality. The news of his death caused widespread sorrow over this section of the county where he was well known and admired for his many splendid qualities.